

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. **(Currently Amended)** A method for reporting an alert condition, comprising:
defining alert filter criteria;
identifying an alert condition;
analyzing ~~one or more properties of~~ the alert condition based on the alert filter criteria, wherein the alert filter criteria **analysis comprises:** ~~comprise:~~

determining an urgency level associated with the alert condition; and

determining a severity level associated with the alert condition;

determining whether to report the alert condition, ~~the determination~~ based at least in part on the **urgency level and the severity level** ~~analysis of the one or more properties of the alert condition;~~ and

selectively reporting the alert condition.

2. **(Currently Amended)** The method of claim 1, wherein:
the alert condition is associated with an object; ~~and~~
the alert filter criteria **analysis** further comprises **determining** an importance level associated with the object; **and**

the determination of whether to report the alert condition is based at least in part on the importance level.

3. **(Previously Presented)** The method of claim 1, wherein identifying an alert condition comprises identifying a potential alert condition.

4. **(Currently Amended)** The method of claim 1, wherein:
the alert filter criteria **analysis** further comprises **determining** a level of risk associated with ~~the a-potential~~ alert condition; **and**

the determination of whether to report the alert condition is based at least in part on the level of risk.

5. **(Original)** The method of claim 1, further comprising analyzing a property representing an interest group associated with the alert condition.

6. **(Original)** The method of claim 1, further comprising analyzing a property representing a business process associated with the alert condition.

7. **(Previously Presented)** The method of claim 1, wherein identifying an alert condition comprises:

identifying a first object representing a first system component associated with the alert condition;

identifying a second object representing a second system component having a dependency relationship to the first system component; and

propagating a property of the second object to the first object.

8. **(Previously Presented)** The method of claim 1, wherein identifying an alert condition comprises:

identifying a first object representing a first system component associated with the alert condition;

identifying a second object representing a second system component having a containment relationship to the first system component; and

propagating a property of the first object to the second object.

9. **(Previously Presented)** A system for reporting an alert condition, comprising:
a filter criteria maintenance module for maintaining alert filter criteria;
an alert condition detector for identifying a plurality of alert conditions;
an alert condition filter for filtering at least one identified alert condition based on the alert filter criteria, wherein the alert filter criteria comprise:
an urgency level associated with an alert condition; and
a severity level associated with an alert condition;
and
an alert notification module for selectively reporting at least one identified alert condition.
10. **(Previously Presented)** The system of claim 9, wherein:
at least one of the identified alert conditions is associated with an object; and
the alert filter criteria further comprises an importance level associated with the object.
11. **(Original)** The system of claim 9, wherein the alert detector identifies a potential alert condition.
12. **(Previously Presented)** The system of claim 9, wherein the alert filter criteria further comprises a level of risk associated with a potential alert condition.
13. **(Previously Presented)** The system of claim 9, wherein the alert condition filter analyzes a property representing an interest group associated with an alert condition.
14. **(Previously Presented)** The system of claim 9, wherein the alert condition filter analyzes a property representing a business process associated with an alert condition.
15. **(Previously Presented)** The system of claim 9, wherein the alert condition filter comprises property propagation logic for propagating a property of a first object to a property of a second object based on a dependency relationship between the first and second objects.

16. **(Previously Presented)** The system of claim 9, wherein the alert condition filter comprises property propagation logic for propagating a property of a first object to a property of a second object based on a containment relationship between the first and second objects.

17. **(Previously Presented)** A system for reporting an alert condition, comprising:
means for maintaining alert filter criteria;
means for identifying a plurality of alert conditions;
means for filtering at least one identified alert condition based on the alert filter criteria, wherein the alert filter criteria comprise:
an urgency level associated with an alert condition; and
a severity level associated with an alert condition;
and
means for selectively reporting at least one identified alert condition.

18. **(Previously Presented)** Logic embodied in a computer readable medium, the logic operable, when executed, to:
define alert filter criteria;
identify an alert condition;
analyze one or more properties of the alert condition based on the alert filter criteria, wherein the alert filter criteria comprise:
an urgency level associated with the alert condition; and
a severity level associated with the alert condition;
determine whether to report the alert condition, the determination based at least in part on the analysis of the one or more properties of the alert condition; and
selectively report the alert condition.

19. (New) A method for reporting an alert condition, comprising:
defining alert filter criteria;
identifying an alert condition;
analyzing the alert condition based on the alert filter criteria, wherein the analysis comprises:

determining an importance level corresponding to an object associated with the alert condition; and
determining a severity level associated with the alert condition;
determining whether to report the alert condition based at least in part on the importance level and the severity level; and
selectively reporting the alert condition.

20. (New) The method of Claim 19, wherein:
the analysis further comprises determining an urgency level associated with the alert condition; and
the determination of whether to report the alert condition is based at least in part on the urgency level.

21. (New) The method of claim 19, wherein:
the analysis further comprises determining a level of risk associated with the alert condition; and
the determination of whether to report the alert condition is based at least in part on the level of risk.